GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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DANGERS OF CLIMATIC CHANGES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are working on any plan to face the dangers of the climatic changes;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed work plan; and

(c) the time period to implement the said programme and the improvements likely to take place as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T .R. BAALU)

(a),(b) & (c) The developed countries have specific commitments to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions under the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Delhi Declaration, an outcome of the Eight Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC, specifically enjoins upon the developed countries to advance the implementation of their commitments. There are no corresponding obligations imposed on the developing countries including India to adopt any mandatory cuts in the emissions of greenhouse gases. The existing legal and policy framework in the country, supported by several initiatives to protect and improve the environment, addresses the concerns of climate change. The measures adopted by the Government include efficient utilization of fossil fuels, promotion of renewable energy technologies, abatement of pollution and conservation of forests.